

### REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 13, 18 and 24 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 18, 19, 24 and 25 and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC as being unpatentable over the abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. Hei. 6-178133 (Okimoto) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,196,451 (Pellar). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 7, 13, 18 and 24 have been amended to clarify what is meant by “screen angle.” More specifically, according to the claims, the screen angle or direction of the document image itself is detected and changed.

In contrast, Okimoto merely discloses detecting the direction or orientation of the document itself and then changes a screen angle. Detecting the direction of the document *image* itself is different than merely detecting the orientation of the document. Accordingly, the features of these claims are not taught or suggested by the cited art, either alone or in combination.

The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In light of the above, a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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